

REMARKS

Claims 234-247 and 466-479 are all the claims pending in the present application.

In addition to the remarks provided in the unentered amendment filed on September 3, 2003, please consider the following remarks.

In responding to the rejections based on section 112, second paragraph, in the unentered Amendment, the Applicants amended claim 246 to recite the plural form of "pharmacokinetics" and "pharmacodynamics." The Applicants submit that these terms are disclosed in their plural form in the specification (for example, see p. 145, ll. 6-8). Webster-Merriam dictionary defines the term "pharmacodynamics" as a branch of pharmacology dealing with the reactions between drugs and living systems. Similarly the term "pharmacokinetics" is defined as the study of the bodily absorption, distribution, metabolism, and excretion of drugs. The Applicants do not intend a definition for these terms other than their ordinary definitions as understood by a skilled artisan.

Further, the Applicants confirm that the singular form of the above terms are used in relevant passages in the Specification only as an adjective and does not connote a different meaning to the term.


Consideration of these remarks is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. **If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.**

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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